

January 20, 2016

Solo and Ensemble Participants,

Next week you will be showing off your hard work for a judge and a small audience of friends and family members! I want to make sure that you are prepared, so here are some things to think about...

- Soloists, make sure you have paid me your \$35 for your accompanist. Do not give this directly to your accompanist, we will send them one check from the Boosters.
- Also soloists, make sure that you practice with your accompanist at least twice. Accompanists will be announced soon.
- Don't forget your instrument at school the night before.
- Get a good night's rest and eat a good breakfast. Make sure to drink plenty of water.
- Allow plenty of time to drive to Muskegon Oakridge High School and find parking. *Even if the roads are bad, the event will happen!* PLEASE allow enough driving time to get there *safely*.
- Plan to arrive AT LEAST 30 minutes before your performance time. You will need to register, find out where your room is, warm up, etc.
- Dress professionally. Wear what you would wear to a band concert, or something nicer than that.
- Stay flexible. You may need to be ready to perform a few minutes before your time, or you may need to wait a little longer than expected. Don't freak out. Just focus on doing the best that you can do.
- Make sure that you have your instrument and music. Number your measures.
- Don't over warm up.
- Your judges copy will be in the Kent City box in headquarters. I will be doing my work assignment, so find me and let me know how you did.
- **Bring a thank-you card for Mrs. VanderWest or Mrs. Odren for all of the time she has put into practicing your songs! DO NOT FORGET!!**
- Have fun! This should be a great experience for you, not a scary or disappointing one.
- You are welcome to watch your friends perform, if they give the "ok." If you are an audience member, please use your best audience etiquette when in a performance room... no talking or distracting the performer, listening, clapping appropriately, etc.

Good luck!

Mr. Schnicke

P.S. – If you receive a “Superior” (I) rating and you would like to participate in State Solo and Ensemble (March 19th), I need to know no later than the Tuesday after S/E (February 2)! Costs are similar to what you paid for Districts.